(c) Following steps are taken to conserve water used in power stations:—

(i) As per Ministry of Environment and Forests, it is necessasry for all new stations to provide closed cycle cooling water systems where only a very small quantity of cooling water (2-3%) of the once-through system is drawn from the water body for make up purposes. Zero discharge concept is also being adopted wherever possible.

(ii) To reduce consumption of water for ash disposal, ash water recycling system is being provided in all the power stations. Further the utilisation of ash has been made mandatory and the utilities have been directed by Ministry of Environment and Forests to achieve 100% ash utilisation within a stipulated period. This will reduce the consumption of water in thermal power stations for ash disposal.

(iii) In case of coastal locations, seawater is used for condenser cooling.

(iv) Further, new techonology means such as dry cooling of condensers etc. are being considered for optimizing cooling water requirements of Thermal Power Stations.

12.00 NOON

STATEMENT BY MINISTER REGARDING ANSWER TO S.Q.NO. 270

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAJNATH SINGH): Sir, I lay on the Table a Statement (in English and Hindi) showing Comprehensive Picture of Assistance for Drought Relief (2002-2003 and 2003-2004 in regard to answer to Starred Question No. 270, in pursuance of the direction by the Deputy Chairman on the 19th December, 2003.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Report and Accounts (2002-2003) of the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL), Bengalore and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (2002-2003) of the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) Bangalore and related Papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIO. RAJAGOPAL): Sir, I lay on the Table:

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of the section 619(A) of the Companies Act 1956:

(a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (Hal), Bangalore, for the year 2002-2003, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Company.

[Placed in Library, *See* No. L.T. 8392/03]

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:

(a) Eighteenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA), Bangalore, for the year 2002-2003, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Company.

[Placed in Library, *See* No. L.T 8394/03]

I. Report and Accounts (2002-2003) of the Water and Power Consultancy Services (India) Ltd. (WAPCOS), New Delhi and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (2002-2003) of the Narmada Control Authority, Indore and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI): Sir, I lay on the Table:

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of the section 619(A) of the Companies Act 1956:

(a) Thirty-fourth Annual Report and Accounts of the Water and Power Consultancy Services (India) Limited (WAPCOS), New Delhi, for the year 2002-2003, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

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II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Twenty-third Annual Report and Accounts of the Narmada Control Authority, Indore, for the year 2002-2003, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

[Placed in Libary, *See* No. L.T. 8650/03]

Notifications of the Ministry of Finance

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRIANANDRAO VITHOBAADSUL): Sir, I lay on the Table:

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance, (Department of Company Affairs Notification G.S.R. 785 (E) dated the 6th October, 2003, granting Nidhi Status to certain companies, under sub section (3) of section 620A of the Companies Act, 1956.

[Placed the Library, *See* No. L.T. 8444/03]

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance, (Department of Company Affairs), under sub section (3) of section 642 of the Companies Act, 1956:

(1) GSR- 774 (E) dated the 29th September, 2003, publishing the Companies (Acceptance of Deposits) (Third Amendment) Rules, 2003.

(2) GS.R. 922 (E) dated the 4th December, 2003 publishing the Unlisted Public Companies (Preferential Allotment) Rules, 2003.

[Placed in Library, *See.* No. L.T. 8443/03]

(3) GS.R. 923 (E) dated the 4th December, 2003, publishing the Unlisted Companies (Issues of Sweat Equity Shares) Rules, 2003.

[Placed in Library, *See.* No. L.T. 8443/03]

I. Report (2002-2003) of the Employees Provident Fund Organisation, New Delhi and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts of the Central Instructional Media Institute, Chennai and related papers.